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an arsenical. He records a 100 per cent absence of serological relapse to a positive reaction in 133 such cases with adequate continuous treatment, but points out that in about 1 per cent of the number of cases there may nevertheless be evidence in the spinal fluid of syphilis. For sero-positive cases he recommends continuous treatment until a negative reaction is obtained and then a further 20 injections each of bismuth and of an arsenical. Bismuth can be used alone if the patient shows intolerance of arsenic, but although it can produce and maintain a negative serological reaction of the blood, it cannot be relied upon to do so.—*War Medicine*, April 1944.

### Reactions to sulphonamide compounds

Capt. T. F. Frost, of the Army of the United States, suggests the following precautions in the prevention of serious reactions to the sulphonamides. (1) The patient should be observed at least every other day and a watch be kept for the occurrence of rash, conjunctivitis, jaundice, diarrhoea, arthritis, drug fever and "chills". (2) A urine analysis should be made every third day in order to detect the presence of erythrocytes. (3) Fluid intake and excretion must be adequate. (4) With each dose of the sulphonamide sodium bicarbonate should be administered. (5) If a patient has ever previously had a toxic reaction to a sulphonamide, a test dose of 0.3 gramme should be given and the reaction noted.—*War Medicine*, March 1944.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

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*American Journal of the Medical Sciences*

*American Journal of Syphilis*

*British Journal of Dermatology*

*British Journal of Urology*

*British Medical Journal*

*Indian Journal of Venereal Diseases*

*Indian Medical Gazette*

*Journal of the Cape Town Post-Graduate Medical Association*

*Journal of Experimental Medicine*

*Medicina Espanola*

*New England Journal of Medicine*

*Revista de medicina Tropical y Parasitologia Bacteriologia clinica y Laboratio*

*Revista de Sanidad y Asistencia Social*

*Revista del Instituto de Salubridad y enfermedades tropicales*

*Revista médica de Chile*

*Revista médica de Yucatan*

*South African Journal of Medical Sciences*

*Urologic and Cutaneous Review*

*Venereal Disease Information*